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SUBJ: MEETING OF HONDURAN AND GUATEMALAN LEADERS

1. CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR FLEW TO GUATEMALA CITY ON DECEMBER 22 TO HAVE A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LAGERUD. MSHGAR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN PALMA, DEFMIN CHINCHILLA, AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER CESAR BATRES. THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE VISIT WAS TO EXPRESS HONDURAS' THANKS TO GUATEMALA FOR AID RECEIVED DURING THE RECENT FLOODING.
2. FONMIN PALMA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 22 TO EXPLAIN THE NATURE OF THE MEETING. HE SAID THAT THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED THE EL SALVADOR/HONDURAS SITUATION, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. PALMA SAID MELGAR TOLD LAGERUD THAT HONDURAS IS ANXIOUS TO ARRIVE AT A SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE WITH EL SALVADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PAAMA ALSO SIAD THAT BOTH LEADERS WERE VERY INTERESTED IN AND DISCUSSED THE DRAFT PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMUNITY IN CENTRAL AMERICA.
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